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...A Review of 2020 Weather and Climate Data for the State of  
Arkansas...

#### Summary

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Taking a very preliminary look at 2020 for the state of Arkansas, the average temperature was about the same as 2019. In terms of warmest and coldest years on record, it was about the 31<sup>st</sup> warmest since state averages have been tabulated (1895-Present). Temperatures varied considerably across the state, and the range for the year was 91 degrees, with a coldest reading of 10 degrees on February 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> at several stations in north central Arkansas to the hottest reading of 101, which occurred on August 10<sup>th</sup> in the Batesville area.

Looking at data for the state for each year, the last time the hottest reported temperature in the state during a given year was 101 degrees or less was in 1979.

Considering departures from normal, January, February, March, July, November and December were positive (warmer than average), while April, May, June, August, September, and October were colder than average.

Overall, wet weather prevailed through the year. Considering state averages, only two months saw below average rainfall, and this was in November and December. The remaining months were above average, and in several cases over 1 inch above. Considering departures from normal, the wettest month was August, which was 3.22 inches above average, and also in the top ten wettest Augusts. However, considering totals, the wettest month was March.

Snow fell in January, February, April, November and December. With the exception of November, it was measurable in all the other months. There were no significant winter storms during the year. However, a late-season storm in mid-April brought measurable snowfall to far northwest Arkansas. In early December, snow fell in the higher elevations of the Ozarks, with most areas near or above 2,000 feet seeing one to two inches of snow. Another winter storm brought two to six inches of snow to the Ozarks and the higher elevations of the Ouachita Mountains December 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. On New Year's Eve, freezing rain fell in the Ozarks, with about 1/10 to 1/4 inch of ice, and this lasted into New Year's Day of 2021.

There were 44 tornadoes during the year, which was 5 above the 1991-2010 average of 39. There were several outbreaks during the year, with the first occurring during the overnight hours on January 10-11. Another occurred in western Arkansas on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and in portions of

southwest and central Arkansas May 16. A notable outbreak was due to the remnants of Hurricane Laura, and this occurred on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Eight tornadoes hit primarily in eastern Arkansas, and this ended up being the largest tornado outbreak on record in the month of August in Arkansas. By far, the most significant tornado, however, occurred on March 28<sup>th</sup>, when an EF3 tornado hit in the Jonesboro and Brookland areas, injuring 22. Fortunately, there were no fatalities.

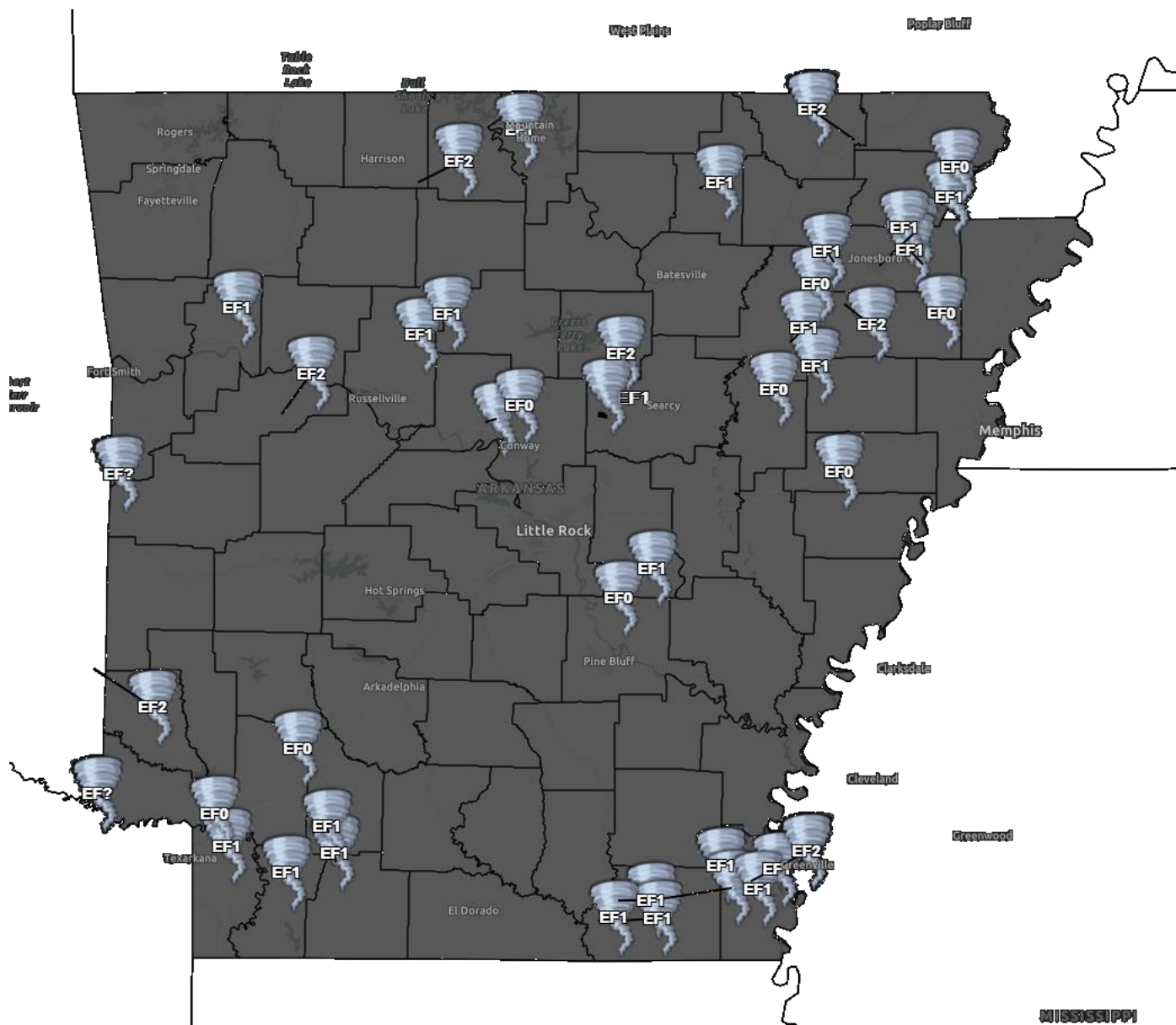
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Arkansas even felt the effects of a record hurricane season. On June 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, the remnants of Tropical Storm Cristobal moved through southeast and central Arkansas and exited north central Arkansas. The system produced two to four-inch rains near and to the east of the center of circulation. Also, record low June sea level pressures were set at Pine Bluff, North Little Rock, and Harrison. On August 27, the remnants of Hurricane Laura moved through southern, central and northeast Arkansas. The system produced tropical storm force winds in portions of the state, as well as heavy rainfall, and record low August pressures were observed at Harrison, Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Pine Bluff. On September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, the remnants of Tropical Storm Beta passed south of Arkansas, but brought heavy rainfall to much of the southern half of the state with totals as high as six to seven inches in places. In October, the remnants of Hurricane Delta moved across far southeast Arkansas, with two to four-inch rainfall in places, and over seven inches at Eudora.

As far as individual locations within the state go, the warmest location was Portland in Ashley County, with an average temperature of 64.8 degrees. The coolest location was Evening Shade, with an average temperature of 57.0 degrees. The wettest location was 12.9 miles northwest of Mena, with 100.03 inches of rainfall. Since written weather history in Arkansas began (1819), this is only the third documented year an individual location within the state has reached or exceeded 100 inches of rainfall. The others were in 2015 and 2009. The driest location in the state in 2020 was near West Fork with 41.50 inches of rainfall.

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## Arkansas 2020 Tornadoes



### 2020 Tornadoes – State of Arkansas

No.	Date	EF Scale	Began	Ended	Path Length	Counties
1	Jan. 10	EF2	2.0 SE Cove	1.0 E Tokalon	13.6	Logan
2	Jan. 10	EF1	3.2 ESE Cecil	3.4 S Ozark	3.9	Franklin

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3	Jan. 11	EF1	1.0 E Seaton	4.0 N Allport	0.4	Lonoke
4	Jan. 11	EF1	3.0 NW West Crossett	3.0 WNW North Crossett	4.5	Ashley
5	Jan. 11	EF1	6.0 NNW North Crossett	2.0 NNW Hamburg	9.1	Ashley
6	Jan. 11	EF1	1.0 NW North Crossett	3.0 SE Hamburg	10.3	Ashley
7	Jan. 11	EF2	3.0 NE Hamburg	3.7 W Ashton	20.5	Ashley, Chicot
8	Jan. 11	EF1	0.2 S Jerome	0.7 E Jerome	0.8	Drew
9	Jan. 11	EF1	2.0 WNW Lake Village	2.0 W Metcalfe, MS	17.8	Chicot, Washington (MS)
10	Jan. 11	EF1	1.0 S Lake Village	1.0 S Lake Village	0.2	Chicot
11	Jan. 11	EF2	5.4 NE Leland	0.9 WNW N Greenville MS	4.0	Chicot, Washington (MS)
12	Mar. 19	EF2	2.0 SW Everton	3.0 WSW Yellville	12.5	Boone, Marion
13	Mar. 19	EF1	3.0 NNE Gassville	3.0 W Mountain Home	2.2	Baxter
14	Mar. 19	EF1	4.5 NNE Hector	5.0 NNE Hector	0.8	Pope
15	Mar. 19	EF1	6.2 SE Smyrna	5.8 WSW Rupert	2.8	Pope, Van Buren
16	Mar. 19	EF1	4.0 NE Evening Shade	4.0 N Poughkeepsie	5.7	Sharp
17	Mar. 28	EF1	4.0 S Amagon	3.0 E Amagon	5.3	Jackson
18	Mar. 28	EF3	2.1 SSE Jonesboro	3.4 NE Brookland	12.6	Craighead
19	Mar. 28	EF1	6.4 E Paragould	8.6 ENE Paragould	3.0	Greene
20	Apr. 08	EF0	5.5 SW Cash	5.5 SW Cash	0.9	Craighead
21	Apr. 08	EF2	9.3 NW Harrisburg	Harrisburg	9.4	Poinsett
22	Apr. 24	EF1	3.0 S Cass	3.0 S Cass	0.5	Franklin
23	Apr. 28	EF2	8.0 E Hochatown (OK)	6.0 NW Lockesburg	20.1	McCurtain (OK), Sevier
24	May 15	EF0	3.0 N Sherrill		0.0 (Landspout)	Jefferson
25	May 16	EF(unk)	5.0 SW Foreman	5.0 SE Tom (OK)	2.2	Little River, McCurtain (OK)
26	May 16	EF1	9.0 E Texarkana	8.0 ENE Texarkana	2.2	Miller
27	May 16	EF0	6.0 W Fulton		0.1	Little River
28	May 16	EF1	4.0 NNW Waldo	5.0 SSW Willisville	2.7	Columbia, Nevada
29	May 16	EF1	2.0 SE Bodcaw	1.0 E Bodcaw	1.9	Nevada
30	May 16	EF0	3.0 E Blevins		0.5	Hempstead
31	May 25	EF1	Lewisville	Lewisville	0.3	Lafayette

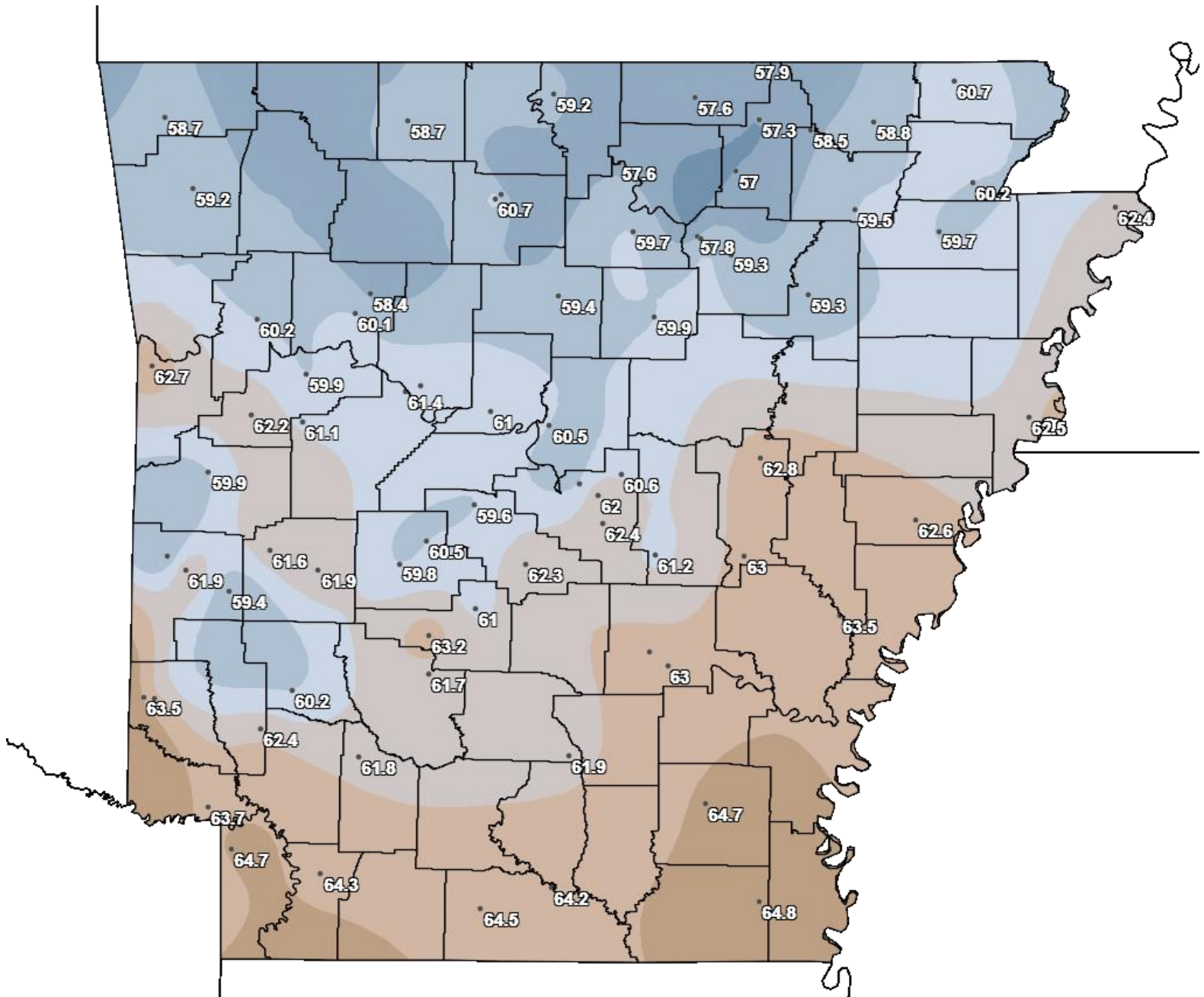
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32	May 25	EF(unk)	2.9 SSE W Hartford	1.8 SE W Hartford	1.3	Sebastian
33	Jul. 01	EF0	4.0 ENE Marmaduke	4.0 ENE Marmaduke	0.0 (Landspout)	Greene
34	Aug. 27	EF0	2.0 WNW Palestine		2.2	St. Francis
35	Aug. 27	EF0	3.0 N McCrory	4.0 N McCrory	1.3	Woodruff
36	Aug. 27	EF1	1.6 S Hickory Ridge	0.7 NNW Hickory Ridge	2.2	Cross
37	Aug. 27	EF1	2.4 NW Cash	0.6 E Egypt	3.6	Craighead
38	Aug. 27	EF0	2.8 W Lepanto	3.4 WNW Lepanto	0.9	Poinsett
39	Aug. 27	EF1	2.5 WSW Lake City	5.5 NW Lake City	4.5	Craighead
40	Aug. 27	EF1	3.7 NNE Brookland	4.0 N Brookland	0.9	Craighead
41	Aug. 27	EF2	2.0 S Biggers	5.0 NNW Attica	14.0	Randolph
42	Sep. 01	EF1	2.0 NE Plumerville	3.0 N Menifee	3.2	Conway
43	Sep. 01	EF0	3.0 NW Wooster	3.0 WNW Greenbrier	3.2	Faulkner
44	Sep. 01	EF2	4.0 S Heber Springs	5.0 ESE Heber Springs	5.3	Cleburne
45	Nov. 15	EF1	1.0 SSW Romance	2.3 SE Romance	2.0	White

### 2020 Annual Extremes – State of Arkansas

Parameter	Reading or Amount	Date(s)	Location(s)
Hottest Temperature	101	Aug. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Batesville Regional Airport
Coldest Temperature	10	Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Mountain Home 1 NNW Dennard 10 WSW, Lead Hill
Highest Annual Rainfall	100.03"		Mena 12.9 NW
Lowest Annual Rainfall	41.50"		West Fork 0.1 SSW
Highest Annual Snowfall	7.0"		Jasper 3.8 SE Rogers 2.4 SSW
Highest Snow Depth	6"		Decatur 2.6 ESE Rogers 2.4 SSW

## 2020 Average Temperatures



### 2020 Temperature Averages – State of Arkansas

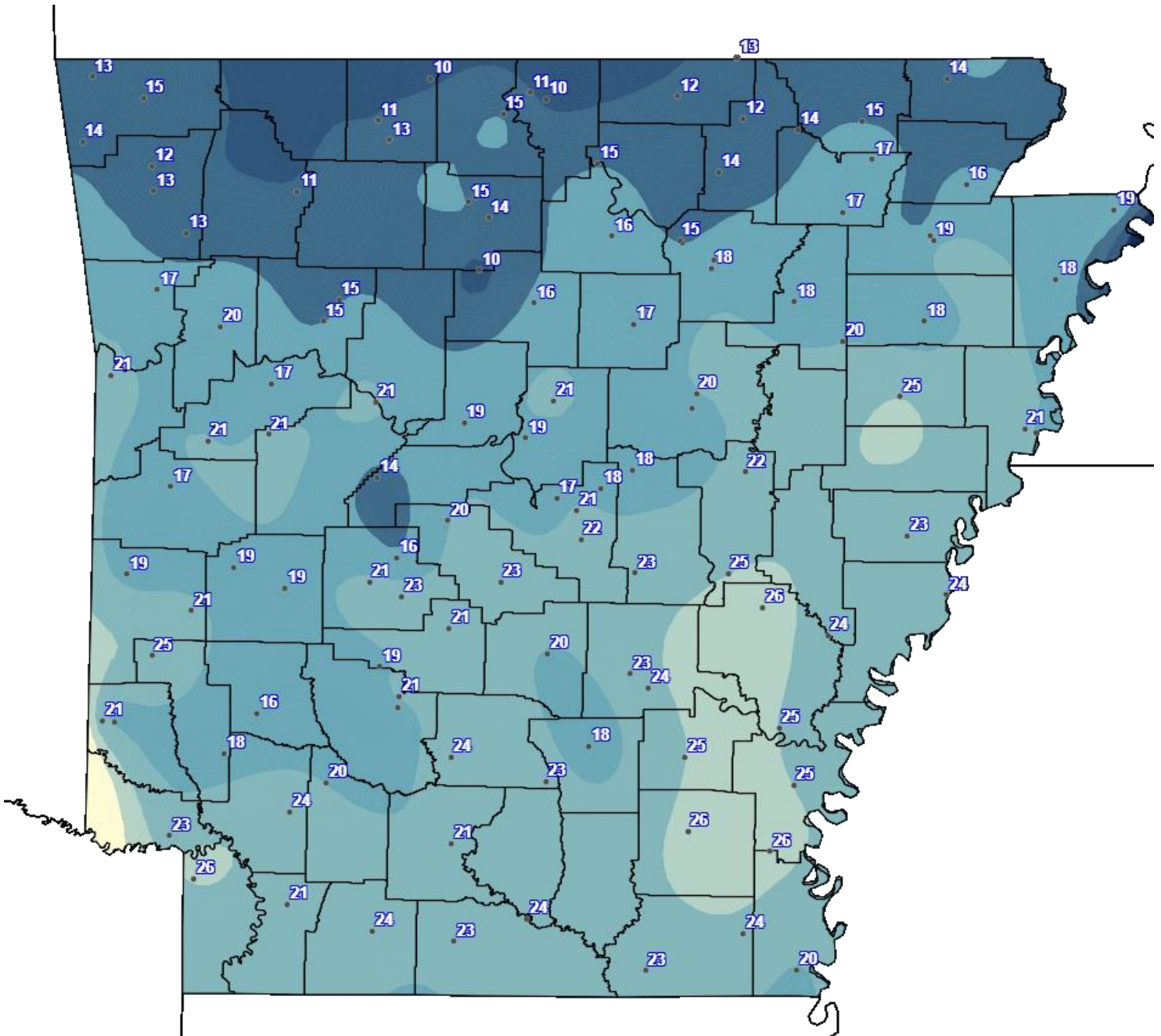
Month	Average Temperature	DFN	Coldest Since	Warmest Since	Rank (Warmest/Coldest)
Jan	43.9	+4.6		2017	20 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
Feb	49.4	+1.3	2015		49 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
Mar	56.5	+5.2		2012	14 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
Apr	58.8	-1.7	2018		28 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
May	66.8	-1.8	1997		25 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
Jun	76.4	-0.1		2018	58 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
Jul	81.3	+1.0		2018	34 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
Aug	77.8	-1.5	2017		31 <sup>st</sup> Coldest
Sep	71.8	-1.0	2011		44 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
Oct	59.6	-2.2	2012		25 <sup>th</sup> Coldest
Nov	54.1	+4.2		2016	16 <sup>th</sup> Warmest
Dec	42.4	+0.9	2017		52 <sup>nd</sup> Coldest
Annual	61.2	+0.8	2019		31 <sup>st</sup> Warmest







## 2020 Coldest Temperatures



### 2020 Daily Temperature Extremes – State of Arkansas

Month	Highest	Location(s)	Date(s)	Lowest	Location(s)	Date(s)
Jan	75	Booneville RAWS Monticello, Crossett	15 11	13	Dennard 10 WSW Kingston 2 S	20

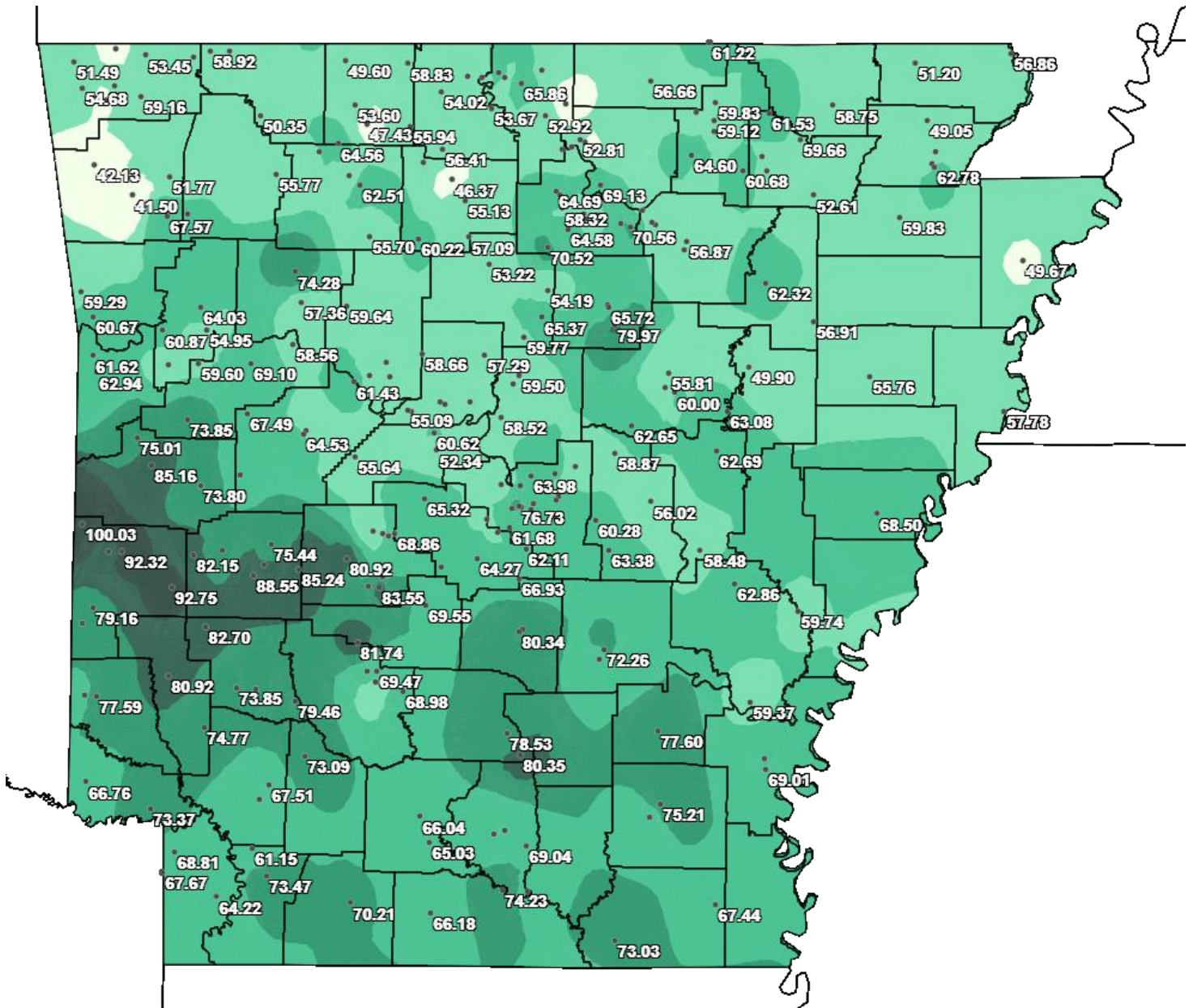
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Month	Highest	Location(s)	Date(s)	Lowest	Location(s)	Date(s)
		Nimrod Dam Camden	17 9			
<b>Feb</b>	85	Silver Hill RAWS	2	10	Mountain Home 1 NNW Lead Hill, Dennard 10 WSW	15 14
<b>Mar</b>	92	Fort Smith, Silver Hill RAWS Crossett 2 SSE	26 28	23	Calico Rock 2 WSW	8
<b>Apr</b>	94	Booneville RAWS Blue Mountain Dam	8 9	26	Marshall	15
<b>May</b>	94	Wynne	26	33	Marshall	9
<b>Jun</b>	99	Harrison	5	51	Mountainburg 2 NE, Jessieville RAWS, Lead Hill, Marshall	11
<b>Jul</b>	100	Booneville RAWS	10	50	Kingston 2 S	4
<b>Aug</b>	101	Batesville Airport	10	48	Lead Hill	18
<b>Sep</b>	97	Eudora	7	40	Fayetteville Drake Field	29
<b>Oct</b>	94	Benton	22	29	Poinsett State Park	31
<b>Nov</b>	84	Crossett 2 SSE Eudora Blytheville Municipal Airport	9  8	19	Fayetteville Drake Field Batesville 8 WNW	30
<b>Dec</b>	79	Morrilton	11	11	Kingston 2 S	26
<b>Annual</b>	101	Batesville Airport	Aug. 10	10	Mountain Home 1 NNW Lead Hill, Dennard 10 WSW	Feb. 15 Feb. 14

### 2020 Rainfall Averages – State of Arkansas

Month	Average Rainfall	DFN	Wettest Since	Driest Since	Rank
<b>Jan</b>	6.22	+2.18	2007		18 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>Feb</b>	5.76	+2.04		2017	17 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>Mar</b>	7.27	+2.50	2016		15 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>Apr</b>	6.05	+1.01		2018	32 <sup>nd</sup> Wettest
<b>May</b>	6.81	+1.66		2018	30 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>Jun</b>	4.73	+0.65		2018	43 <sup>rd</sup> Wettest
<b>Jul</b>	3.74	+0.03		2018	62 <sup>nd</sup> Driest
<b>Aug</b>	6.60	+3.22	2016		7 <sup>TH</sup> Wettest
<b>Sep</b>	5.67	+2.08	2009		17 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>Oct</b>	4.61	+1.15	2019		37 <sup>th</sup> Wettest
<b>Nov</b>	1.84	-2.45		2017	14 <sup>th</sup> Driest
<b>Dec</b>	3.63	-0.74	2018		50 <sup>th</sup> Driest
<b>Annual</b>	62.93	+13.32		2017	11 <sup>th</sup> Wettest

## 2020 Rainfall



### 2020 Daily Rainfall Extremes – State of Arkansas

Month	Highest Daily	Location(s)	Date(s)
Jan	5.20	Omaha 2 S	11

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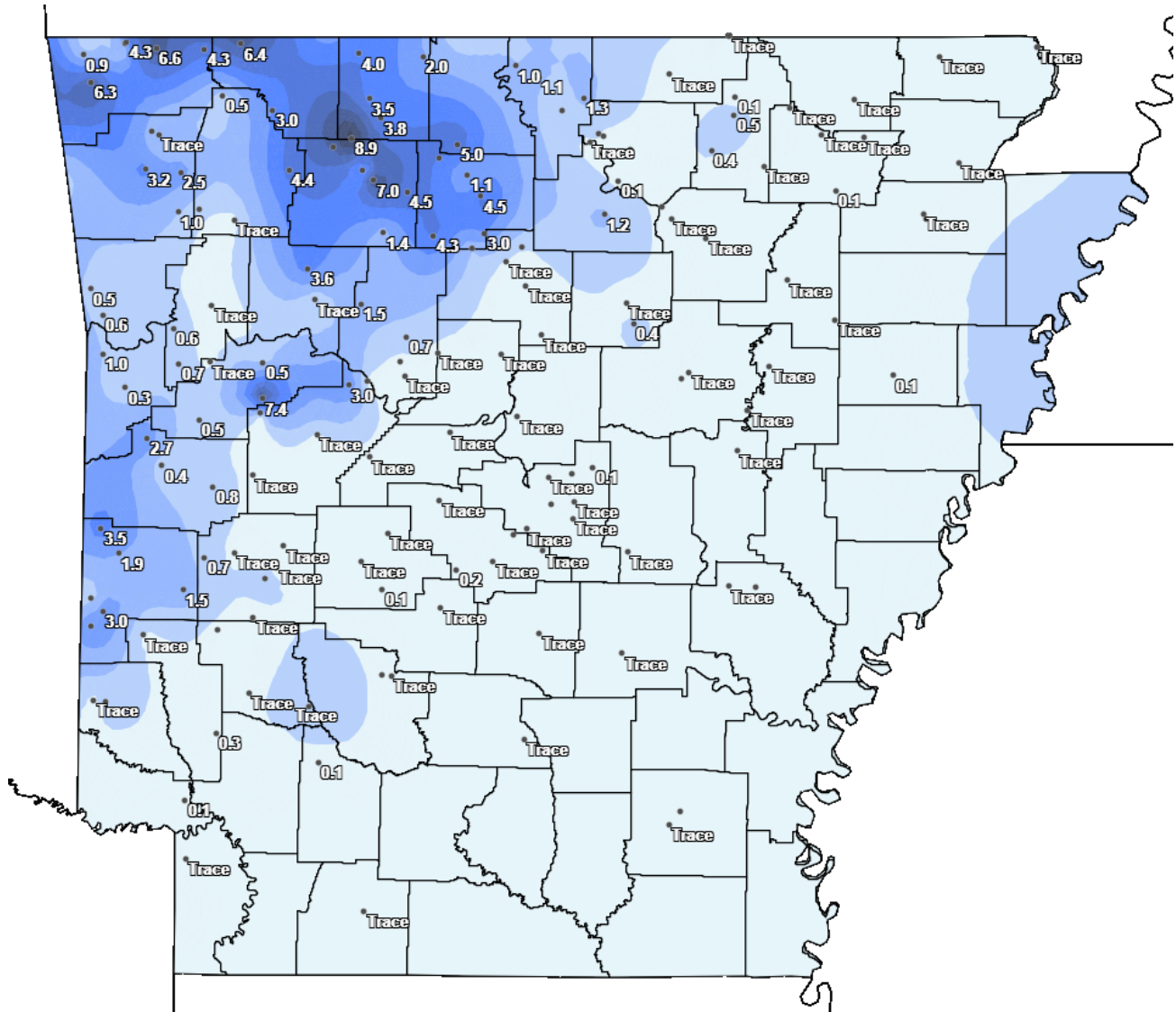
Month	Highest Daily	Location(s)	Date(s)
Feb	5.00	Rison	12
Mar	4.47	DeQueen	16
Apr	3.73	Monticello	12
May	5.60	Bee Branch 5.4 ENE	17
Jun	5.56	Mount Ida 12.2 E	30
Jul	5.05	Rogers 2.4 SSW	22
Aug	7.57	Mena	13
Sep	7.00	Waldron	01
Oct	7.10	Eudora	10
Nov	1.70	Springdale 2.3 S	22
Dec	4.26	Rohwer 2 NNE	31
Annual	7.57	Mena	August 13

### 2020 Monthly Rainfall Extremes – State of Arkansas

Month	Highest Monthly	Location(s)	Lowest Monthly	Location(s)
Jan	11.92	Portland	2.34	Camden
Feb	12.03	Eudora	1.38	Kingston 5 NW
Mar	13.50	McGehee 1 NE	1.85	Mena Airport
Apr	11.33	Kelso	2.46	Kingston 5 NW
May	16.18	Waldron	1.40	Rohwer 2 NNE
Jun	14.44	Sheridan 1.2 S	0.00	Kingston 5 NW
Jul	8.66	Rogers 2.4 SSW	0.52	Alicia 2 NNE
Aug	19.71	Dierks	0.57	Gravette
Sep	12.75	Mena 12.9 NW	0.29	Bentonville Municipal Airport
Oct	12.37	Mountain Home 6.3 E	0.34	Jessieville
Nov	3.52	Clinton Municipal Airport	0.08	Magnolia
Dec	8.37	Monticello	0.84	Batesville Livestock
Annual	19.71	Dierks (August)	0.00	Kingston 5 NW (June)



## 2020 Reported Snowfall



## 2020 Snowfall Extremes – State of Arkansas

Month	Highest Daily	Location(s)	Date(s)	Highest Monthly	Location(s)	Highest Depth	Location(s)	Date(s)
Jan	1.5"	Compton	24	1.5"	Compton	2"	Compton	24

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Month	Highest Daily	Location(s)	Date(s)	Highest Monthly	Location(s)	Highest Depth	Location(s)	Date(s)
<b>Feb</b>	1.0"	Marshall Bruno 3.1 SSE Dennard 10 WSW	7 6 6	1.3	Ozone	1	Mena, Abbott, Ozone, Witts Spring St. Joe 2.7 WNW Marshall	6 7
<b>Mar</b>	---None reported---							
<b>Apr</b>	1.5	Harrison 10.6 SW	14	1.5	Harrison 10.6 SW	2	Harrison 10.6 SW	14
<b>May</b>	---None reported---							
<b>Oct</b>	---None reported---							
<b>Nov</b>	T	Jonesboro, Wynne	30	T	Jonesboro Wynne			
<b>Dec</b>	6.0	Decatur 2.6 ESE Rogers 2.4 SSW	14	6.0	Decatur 2.6 ESE Rogers 2.4 SSW	6	Holiday Island 1.3 SSW Decatur 2.6 ESE Rogers 2.4 SSW	14
<b>Annual</b>	6.0	Decatur 2.6 ESE Rogers 2.4 SSW	Dec.14	6.0	Decatur 2.6 ESE Rogers 2.4 SSW	6	Holiday Island 1.3 SSW Decatur 2.6 ESE Rogers 2.4 SSW	Dec. 14

### Significant Weather Events During the Year...

#### January...

Jan. 10-11 - Severe thunderstorms occurred, with wind damage reported over northern, central and eastern Arkansas, primarily during the overnight hours. 11 tornadoes occurred, primarily over southeast Arkansas. Two to five-inch rainfall amounts were common. The heavy rainfall also caused rises on area rivers, with flooding noted on the Black, Cache, Eleven Point, Fourche LaFave, Ouachita, Petit Jean, Spring, and White Rivers, and the Arkansas River west of Dardanelle.

Jan. 16-17 - Light freezing rain occurred in northern Arkansas. Accruals of around one tenth to one quarter of an inch were reported, with a light glaze on elevated surfaces.

Jan. 22-24 - A winter storm primarily affected the Ozarks and Ouachitas. Sleet and snow amounts up to 1.5 inches were reported. Ice accruals in the higher Ozarks were anywhere from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to over  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an inch.

#### February...

Feb. 4-6 - Light snow fell in the Ozarks and Ouachitas, with amounts of half an inch to an inch in places.

Feb. 9-12 - Three to five inches of rain fell over central and southern Arkansas. Isolated severe storms produced hail and wind damage in Ouachita County near Chidester and north of Camden. Flash flooding was reported in Scott and Yell County. Flooding continued at

most forecast points along the Black, Cache, Ouachita and lower White Rivers.

Feb. 20 - Very light snow fell over portions of western and central Arkansas.

Feb. 24 - An isolated severe storm caused wind damage near Evening Shade (Sharp County) and also downed trees.

March...

Mar. 2 - Small hail fell in portions of Boone and Marion counties.

Mar. 26 - A warm front brought record high temperatures to a large part of the state. Temperatures reached the lower 90s at Harrison, Fort Smith and El Dorado. Most of the remainder of the state peaked in the mid to upper 80s.

Mar. 28 - An EF3 tornado cut a 12-mile path across Craighead county, hitting Jonesboro in the process. 22 people were injured.

April...

Apr. 8 - Severe thunderstorms produced two tornadoes in Craighead and Poinsett Counties. One tornado, rated EF2, struck the north side of Harrisburg, damaging or destroying at least 30 homes, uprooting trees, and downing power lines.

Apr. 12 - On Easter Sunday, April 12, severe thunderstorms raked across the southern half of Arkansas. In a span of about 5 hours, the storms produced damaging wind gusts of 60-80 MPH or more and knocked out power to at least 150,000 utility customers. There were numerous reports of trees and power lines downed, with trees blocking roads. There were trees reported on residences, and several outbuildings and sheds were destroyed. One person was killed at White Hall when a tree fell on a house, and another person was injured at Glen Rose. 12 counties were declared disaster areas. One electric utility president and CEO even stated the damage was comparable to the back to back ice storms in December 2000.

May...

May 3 - Severe thunderstorms produced a swath of large hail and some wind damage from north central Arkansas to north of Memphis. The largest hailstones were up to tennis ball size and fell around Mountain Home in Baxter County. There were also golf ball to hen egg sized hail near Lakeview, Midway and Norfork. Half dollar sized hail fell at Calico Rock. Trees and power lines were downed at Brookland, Corning and Rector, as well as Dell, Osceola, and Evening Shade.

May 4 - Another round of severe thunderstorms hit in northwest Arkansas. Baseball to softball sized hail fell at Fayetteville, Rogers and Shady Grove, breaking windshields, and denting vehicles and metal roofs. In Washington County, just southeast of Johnson, a five-inch diameter hailstone was observed, tying the state record for the largest hailstone. The record hailstone size of 5.00" inches was originally set on January 21, 1999 and first tied on April 2, 2006.

May 8 - In the early morning hours, severe thunderstorms below down trees in portions of Polk, Sevier, Little River, Miller and Montgomery County. At De Queen, three people had to be rescued after being trapped in a house hit by a falling tree.



May 9 - Very cold air moved into the state. Low temperatures dropped into the 30s in northern Arkansas, with some areas around Harrison and Marshall close to freezing.

May 15 - As rain moved away from northwest Arkansas, a wake low formed, with winds gusting as high as 50 MPH and knocking down trees at Fayetteville. Also, a brief landspout occurred north of Sherrill in Jefferson County.

May 16-17 - Three to six inches of rain fell across much of the state, causing flash flooding in places. Several roads were flooded and closed in Scott, Clark, and Montgomery Counties. Severe thunderstorms downed trees in portions of Montgomery and Clark Counties. At the Crystal Springs resort, winds blew most of the tin roofing off of one of the primary docks, set a few boats loose on the lake, and uprooted or snapped several trees in the area. Several weak tornadoes hit in southwest Arkansas.

May 22 - During the early morning hours, frequent lightning struck several houses in the Little Rock area and was responsible for at least three house fires between 1 and 3 AM. That afternoon, severe thunderstorms produced a swath of wind damage from just south of Morton (Woodruff County) to Fair Oaks (Cross County). Winds gusted 70-80 MPH blowing down trees and snapping or downing utility poles. A grain bin was damaged at Parkin (Cross County). There was damage to a high school at Earle (Crittenden County), with some trees down as well. A camper was overturned on I-55 near Turrell.

May 22-23 - Heavy rain fell over western into central Arkansas, with three to five inch amounts common in portions of Sebastian, Scott, Logan, Polk, Montgomery, Pike, Garland, and Clark Counties, among others. Severe flash flooding occurred at Waldron, Norman, and Booneville.

May 25 - Severe thunderstorms produced wind damage, with trees and/or power lines downed at Ogden, near Prescott, and at Stamps. A chicken house was damaged west of Mena. A brief tornado hit at Lewisville, uprooting trees and causing damage to several buildings. Fast-moving severe thunderstorms downed trees and large limbs near England, Fordyce and Sheridan. A 55 MPH wind gust was clocked at Little Rock AFB.

June...

Jun. 5 - Early morning severe thunderstorms moved into northwest/north central Arkansas from Missouri. Wind damage occurred at Lead Hill (Boone County) and Duff (Searcy County). At Harrison, winds gusted to 60 MPH, which was the highest recorded gust at the airport in 20 years. Later in the day, more severe storms occurred in central Arkansas, with hail ranging from marble to golf ball size in the Little Rock metro area, and some wind damage east and south of Little Rock.

Jun. 7 - 9 - The remnants of Tropical Storm Cristobal moved through southeast and central Arkansas and exited north central Arkansas. The system produced two to four-inch rains near and to the east of the center of circulation. Also, record low June sea level pressures were set at Pine Bluff, North Little Rock, and Harrison. Minor flooding continued on the Ouachita, White, Black and Cache Rivers.

Jun. 23 - Severe thunderstorms downed trees in portions of the Little Rock area and near Pine Bluff. 50-55 MPH winds were clocked near Bryant and Stuttgart. Quarter sized hail fell in Maumelle. Flash flooding occurred in North Little Rock and Helena-West Helena.

Late June - Over several days, a layer of dust from the Sahara Desert kept hazy conditions over much of Arkansas, and made for rather colorful sunsets.

Jun. 29 - Severe thunderstorms downed trees in Magnet Cove and Social Hill and produced hail at Malvern. Thanks largely to cloud cover and rainfall, highs in much of central Arkansas were only in the 70s.

Jun. 29 - 30 - Heavy rain fell once again over portions of western Arkansas, with amounts of two to nearly six inches common from around Mena to near Hot Springs. There were multiple reports of flash flooding around the Hot Springs area.

July...

Jul. 1 - Severe thunderstorms swept through eastern Arkansas from southern Missouri. Trees were downed at Cave City, Salem, and at Jonesboro. A 72 MPH gust was measured at Cash, with 52 MPH at the Newport Airport. There was a brief landspout in an open field northeast of Marmaduke (Greene County).

Jul. 2 - 3 - Spotty flash flooding occurred over portions of western and southern Arkansas as heavy rain fell.

Jul. 9 - Severe thunderstorms downed trees at Fayetteville, Alma, near Havana (Yell Co.), and Furlow (Lonoke Co.). 59 MPH winds occurred at Highfill, with 56 MPH clocked at Little Rock AFB. One to two inches of rain fell in places in a very short time, causing flash flooding in the Little Rock area.

Jul. 22 - 23 - Early morning thunderstorms produced two to four inch rains in portions of western Arkansas. At Mount Ida, 4.10 inches of rain fell between 400 AM and 700 AM.

August...

Aug. 1 - 31 - Repeated rounds of showers and thunderstorms throughout the month produced 10 to nearly 20 inches of rain in a large part of southwest and western Arkansas. Areas near Dierks and Mena saw the heaviest amounts. In fact, 19.71 inches of rain fell at Dierks during the month, which set the all-time record August monthly rainfall for the state of Arkansas, breaking the previous record of 19.55 inches that fell at Hardy (Sharp County) in 1915.

Aug. 11 - Four inches of rain fell at Vilonia in about an hour and a half. Some flash flooding occurred at Jasper.

Aug. 12 - Due to heavy rainfall, flash flooding occurred at Camden and Mena.

Aug. 14 - Isolated severe storms blew down trees in Logan, Scott, Montgomery and Garland Counties. Some flash flooding occurred at Hot Springs.

Aug. 27 - 29 - The remnants of Hurricane Laura moved through southern, central and northeast Arkansas. The system produced tropical storm force winds in portions of the state, as well as heavy rainfall.

Record low August pressures were observed at Harrison, Little Rock, North Little Rock, and Pine Bluff. Rainfall amounts of four to six

inches were common from southwest to northeast Arkansas, with a few locations in the west and south picking up as much as 8-9 inches. Eight tornadoes hit in northeast and eastern Arkansas, which marked the largest tornado outbreak on record in the month of August for the state of Arkansas. One storm was responsible for at least four tornadoes as it moved from southeast to northwest through Poinsett, Craighead, and Randolph Counties. Winds of 40 to near 60 MPH were recorded near and east of the center of Laura's circulation. The highest gust was 57 MPH recorded at El Dorado. The winds downed trees and power lines, with some structural damage reported. There were at least 50,000 power outages within the state.

#### September...

Sep. 1 - In a 24-hour period, four to five inches of rain fell causing severe flash flooding in Scott and Polk County. At Waldron, 7.00 inches of rain fell. Tornadoes hit in Faulkner, Cleburne, and Conway Counties.

Sep. 2 - With all the heavy rainfall over western Arkansas, rivers remained high. The Petit Jean River at Danville crested at 26.62 feet, which was its highest stage in five years, and the 10<sup>th</sup> highest stage on record there.

Sep. 22 - 24 - The remnants of Tropical Storm Beta passed south of Arkansas, but brought heavy rainfall to much of the southern half of the state. Rainfall totals were as high as six to seven inches in places.

#### October...

Oct. 9 - 11 - The remnants of Hurricane Delta moved across far southeast Arkansas, with two to four-inch rainfall in places, and over seven inches at Eudora.

Oct. 23 - Strong storms affected portions of Pulaski and Saline County, blowing down a tree and producing pea to penny sized hail.

Oct. 28 - 30 - Heavy rain fell in northwest Arkansas, with totals of five to around eight inches. The Buffalo River at Saint Joe (Searcy County) rose almost 20 feet on the 29<sup>th</sup>, but ended up just under the 27-foot flood stage. Minor flooding occurred at Patterson, Black Rock and Augusta.

#### November...

Nov. 14 - 15 - Severe thunderstorms produced wind damage in central and northeast Arkansas. At Hoxie (Lawrence County), wind gusts turned over train cars. These were empty grain cars. 15 were blown over on their sides, with three leaning over. Power lines were blown down near Minturn. A weak tornado cut a two-mile path in White County near Romance, destroying or damaging several mobile homes and uprooting or snapping trees. Four people were injured.

Nov. 24 - A storm blew down trees near Potter (Polk County), and near Plainview (Yell County).

#### December...

Dec. 2 - 3 - Light snow fell in the higher elevations of the Ozarks. Most areas above 2,000 feet in Newton and Searcy Counties saw measurable snowfall, with half an inch to 1.5 inches reported.

Dec. 13 - 14 - Measurable snow fell over the Ozark and Ouachita Mountains. Most areas saw one to three inches. However, higher elevations picked up four to six inches.

Dec. 15 - Very light snow fell during the late evening hours from southwest into central Arkansas, while most locations only saw flurries, there was a very small area with up to one half inch accumulation across portions of Pulaski, Saline, Garland, Montgomery, Clark, Polk, Sevier, Howard and Pike Counties.

Dec. 31 - Into January 1, freezing rain fell in portions of northwest Arkansas, with the highest ice accruals in Newton, Carroll, Madison, and Benton Counties. Reported totals ranged from 1/4 to 1/2 inches of ice, especially in the higher elevations.

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